

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

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-Father's recklessness in Finance will yet ruin the Family

HERE AND THERE

There is a government reward of \$2,000 for a specimen of a certain species of lobster. It is said that a lobster of this species was found by a Pacific fisherman not long ago. Believing that to sell the lobster would be against the law, he ate it. Later he learned that it would have been worth \$2,000 to him.

At the last sitting of the town council of Nagyberkata, Hungary, it was decided almost unanimously to introduce a special tax on bachelors over twenty-four. The amount is to vary between 20 pence and \$4, according to the pecuniary circumstances of each unmarried man. The proceeds will be entirely devoted to the foundation and maintenance of an asylum for poor homeless children.—*Vicinia Correspondence, London News.*

In recording the death of Francis Galton somewhat less than a year ago, it was noted here that of the great men of science who gave distinction to the Victorian era only three remained—Hooker, Wallace and Lister. Hooker has since died at the age of 94 years, and on Feb. 11 Lister died at the age of 54 years. An English journal recently compiled a list of the ten greatest men of the world, and Lister would perhaps have been the name on which there would have been the most general agreement. Like Galton and Hooker, Lister had distinguished scientific ancestry, his father having been a fellow of the Royal Society, who, among many other services, gave us the existing compound microscope.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Charles S. Albert, one of the well-known writers for the New York World, belongs to a family which believes that, unless it finishes everything it starts on New Year's day it will have bad luck for the rest of the year. Last New Year's day Albert started to write away an idle half-hour in the morning by playing Canfield solitaire. Of course, it did not work out, nor did the next attempt work out, nor the next. But Charles would not give up. It ruined his whole holiday, but he won at last. At 3 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 2, after having stuck to the game for 15 consecutive hours, he worked it out. But he confesses that his long play does not seem to have affected his luck.—*The Popular Magazine.*

All loyal Scotsmen will learn with regret that the well-known clock on St. Giles' tower in Edinburgh, which must have told the time to Scott and Burns, is doomed to disappear. Apparently a workman felt through the case and damaged the mechanism so badly that the civic authorities do not consider the worn-out works worth repair. So the old clock will be banished to the city museum and will be replaced by an invisible timepiece, with.

out hands or face, which will merely strike the hours, and leave the aesthetic effect of the tower unspoiled. The ancient clock of St. Giles has seen two centuries of service but is a mere giddy youth compared with some of the medieval horologes on English cathedrals. There are clocks that date from the fourteenth century at Exeter, Wells and Peterborough.—*Westminster Gazette.*

Greenland is green in more ways than one. Its wonderful miniature trees are a most beautiful green, and travelers declare no such color is found elsewhere in the world.

Greenland is practically a great group of green mountains covered with ice that has a green tint, and which has formed great icebound glaciers, that are tide between the mountain ranges and can be penetrated only by a drill.

Where the sun shines with sufficient force the ice and snow let go, and the glaciers, which are called "live," often melt enough to slide and dash down the mountains, or drop with an awful force into the inlets. Very often such glaciers do a lot of damage to shipping that has sought shelter in bays or inlets.

During the long night period the country is often illuminated with what we term northern lights, or aurora borealis. Without this electrical display, the country would be wrapped in darkness of a peculiar density.

A strong company has been formed in Paris, including the Banque Française, for the industrial development of Iceland, which is supposed to contain valuable minerals. A large harbor will be built, probably by Frenchmen, at Reykjavik.

Prince Waldemar, youngest brother of King Frederick of Denmark, is a shrewd business man, and has been nominated honorary president of the company which is to carry out a scheme for the development of the harbor of the island of St. Thomas, Dutch West Indies. The purpose is to deepen the harbor and build wharves and docks to accommodate the increased shipping trade that will be brought about by the opening of the Panama canal.

Now that the members of the house of commons are paid \$2,000 a year, the kitchen committee cannot see why it should provide members with a shilling dinner that costs fifty per cent more and thereby incur an annual loss of \$7,000. This meal, consisting of soup, a joint, two vegetables, bread, butter, pudding and cheese as much of everything as anybody wants. It was originally instituted for the benefit of the labor members, but the wealthiest men in the house asked for nothing better, and there is much discontent because the kitchen committee talks of raising prices.

SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

President Ward of the Boston Nationals will perhaps take his Brava to Bermuda for 1913 training.

According to reports from the Washington training camp Pitcher Tom Hughes' injured hand is as good as ever.

Manager Tank O'Day of the Cincinnati team, has decided to cut out Sunday exhibition games for the Reds while in the East this season.

Steinfeldt or Smith will play third base for the St. Louis Cardinals in case Mike Mowery fails to report. Mike is holding out for more coin.

Manager McGraw, of the Giants, says that there is no chance for any of his new men, even the pitchers, to make the first-string outfit on the team this year.

The girls of Los Angeles are willing to elect Manager Hen Berry to any office he desires, since Hen announced that ladies will be admitted free to the Los Angeles park, every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Rumor has it that Hank Perry, now with the Detroit Tigers, will be sent back to the Providence club. Perry headed the International league in batting last year and was considered one of the finds of the season.

A new pitcher, "Lefty" Kellogg, has joined the Pittsburgh Pirates. Kellogg

is six feet three inches tall and built in proportion, weighing now 208 pounds. He has been pitching in the Panama Canal Zone for about a year and a half.

Buffalo has made the White Sox an offer for "Lena" Blackburne, but if he goes out of the big league the chances are that he will land with Hugh Duffy's Milwaukee team. Blackburne cost the White Sox \$11,000 two years ago, but has never been able to catch the step with the Comiskey crew.

CRAIG IN OLYMPICS

Detroit, Mich., April 3.—It was announced yesterday that Ralph Craig, the Michigan track star, would compete in the Olympic tryouts. Ever since Olympic prospects have been discussed various conflicting stories have been circulated regarding Craig. Craig has been entered in both the eastern and central tryouts, but it is uncertain in which one he will compete. Both come on the same day.

MORRIS QUILTS RING; GAME IS TOO ROUGH.

Sapulpa, Ok., April 3.—Because, he says, of the "brutality" of the game, Carl Morris, erstwhile "white hope," has quit the ring temporarily at least. He has gone back to work as an engineer on a switch engine in the Sapulpa railroad yards.

Morris left his engine on the night of July 4, 1910, after Jeffries had been defeated by Johnson, with the avowed intention of recovering the championship title for the white race. During his twenty months' career he won eleven battles and lost two, and for the time being asserts that he will return and defeat Johnson. Just when, he does not say.

TYRUS AND JACKSON OUT TO EQUAL JESS BURKETT'S RECORD.

Only two ball players in the game carry the chance this season of tying Jess Burkett's record, which stands as one of the greatest ever compiled. The record in question embraces the art of batting about 400 two seasons in succession. In 1895, Burkett, then with Cleveland, batted 425. The Cubs came back in 1896 with 410.

Cobb last season hit 429 and Jackson 408. To tie Burkett's mark this pair must pile along with another 400 season in a day when only 10 per cent of the tribe can attain 300.

Ross Barnes batted 404 in 1872 and 454 the succeeding year, but Barnes failed to work in as many as seventy games either season. Burkett figured in 132 games in '95 and 123 in '96, when

he continued his wonderful streak. For a run of 100 games or more Hugh Duffy's '94 record of .438 still stands. Keeler comes next, with .432 in '97, and Burkett is third, with .423 in '95.

Cobb is the first ball player in either circuit to hit above 400 since Nap Lajoie totaled 422 in 1901 as a member of the slashing Philadelphia corps. If Cobb continue his gradual rise upward he'll peel the skin off the ball in 1912. Tyus Raymond batted 324 in 1908, 377 in 1909, 385 in 1910 and 420 in 1911.

Ed Delahanty reached 400 but one season—in 1899—when he totaled 405. Anson hit 407 in 1879 and 421 in 1887—the only two seasons. Pop ever managed to wiggle into the 400 circle.

TO MAKE OWN RULES.

Urbana, Ill., April 3.—It is the plan of the heads of the "Big Eight" conference to make their own football rules hereafter said President James

of the University of Illinois in a communication to the university senate today.

"The presidents gathered at Chicago were unanimous in one thing at least," he said. "That was that it was time for the conference to take hold of the rule making. There is no reason why the conference should not play under its own rules, no reason why the western schools should be at the mercy of the east. The west I believe is mainly in favor of the open game of football, with mass play eliminated and many critics believe the code of 1912 is a partial return to the old game."

Because of the desire to obtain men who have expert knowledge of the game, the conference was enlarged to include athletic directors.

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